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MADRAS CUT OFF FROM ANDHRA DISTRICTS

Interference With Communications

Police Open Fire On Riotous Crowds In Tenali, Nagpur, Allahabad And Dacca

LUCKNOW, August 13.

NO INFORMATION is available here till this evening regarding the Up Punjab Mail and Up Punjab Express which were due at Lucknow at mid-day and in the morning respectively.—A. P.

MADRAS:—Until further advice the Passenger and Goods train service is suspended between Bitragunta and Bezwada (Broad Gauge), says a Railway notification issued to-day which adds that passengers, parcels and goods cannot be booked to stations on this section, and also to stations between Vejendla and Rapalle on the Guntur-Tenali-Rapelle branch line.

Four persons were killed and 10 injured at Tenali yesterday as the result of police opening fire on a mob that attacked the Tenali Railway Station and set fire to the premises according to information received here.

Four coaches of the Puri passenger train were also set on fire by the mob after the passengers had been given time to get out of the carriages. The mob also cut the railway telephone and telegraph wires and also removed rails at Tenali, Chirala and another station south of Tenali.—A.P.

MADRAS CUT OFF FROM ANDHRA DT.

The situation consequent on mob violence on the north-eastern section of the M. and S. M. Railway between Ongole about 180 miles from Madras and Bezwada has worsened to-day according to reports received here. Madras is practically cut off from all stations beyond Ongole on this section.

Trains from Madras are running only upto Bitragunta a distance of about 125 miles. Considerable dislocation of communications, both telegraph and telephone and obstruction to permanent way have been caused between Ongole and Bezwada for a distance of about 80 miles, mobs attacking the stations in between and interfering with the rails.

In addition to Tenali, Chirala and another station mentioned in to-day's official 'communique' two more stations, namely, Nidabrolu and Duggirala were subjected to mob attack to-day. The extent of damage is not known.

TWO TRAINS CANCELLED

The Calcutta Mail and the Puri Passenger due to leave Madras this evening have been cancelled. There will be no trains on the north-eastern section of the railway to-day except the local suburban service.

The Grand Trunk Express and the Calcutta Mail due to arrive here last evening and this morning respectively have not yet arrived and no definite information is available as to the probable time of arrival of these trains owing to communications being cut. The Grand Trunk Express which left Madras this morning has been diverted via Raichur, Secunderabad and Kasipet.

ANEY'S TRAIN HELD UP

The Calcutta Mail by which the Hon. Mr. M. S. Aney, Member for Overseas, Government of India, left for Bezwada yesterday afternoon is, it is learnt, held up near Chinnaganjam beyond Ongole.

Attack On Tenali Station

It is reported that a big crowd attacked the railway station at Tenali on the north-east line of M. and S. M. Railway yesterday afternoon. It is stated that Railway lines were removed and a goods shed was set on fire. The Puri Passenger train arrived at the station just then and the crowd after making the passengers alight, set fire to nine compartments which were burnt down completely.

Cabins of Chirala station were burnt by a crowd and the permanent way was removed for a considerable distance. The crowd is also reported to have attacked Chirala station premises and also the Vetapalam station next to Chirala. Telegraph and telephone communications were also interrupted. A special train conveying railway and police officers left Madras last night for Tenali.

DUGGIRALA STATION SET ON FIRE

Further details regarding the mob attack on Tenali and other Railway stations elicited from Railway sources show Duggirala station next to Tenali was set on fire this morning. The rake of a passenger train stationed at Tsunduru station on the other side of Tenali was also set fire to and a number of carriages were burnt.

Govt. Communique

In a 'communique' issued regarding the incident at Tenali yesterday the Government of Madras says:

There was a serious riot in Tenali yesterday morning at 9-00 a.m. when a mob of 2,000 strong attacked the Railway station and set fire to the Railway premises and four coaches of the passenger train, but not until the passengers had been given time to get out of the coaches.

The mob also cut signal wires, telephone and telegraph wires. Rails were removed at Tenali and also at Chirala and at another station south of Tenali. The District Magistrate, Guntur received information from the Railway Co. and went to the spot with the District Superintendent of Police and armed reserve.

The mob was cleared with a lathi charge but it reformed and attacked the police with sticks and brickbats. Police were forced to open fire in self-defence as the result of which four were killed and 10 injured. The situation is now under control.

Students On Strike

The 'communique' states: "With the exception of the outbreak at Tenali in the Guntur District, the situation in the Province is quiet and no demonstrations or unfortunate incidents have been reported. In a number of places students are still on strike, but the abstentions from college are mostly only about 50 per cent of the strength. In Madras city quite large numbers are returning to their classes.

ILLICIT SALT MANUFACTURE

"There have been isolated cases of picketing and illicit taking of salt in Ramnad District. Minor hartals have continued in a number of towns, but on the whole the shops are open. From several districts come reports that no action in support of the movement has been taken at all."

Picketing At Presy. College

Attendance in most of the schools and colleges in the city showed considerable improvement to-day. Students of the School of Technology in George Town and of Indian Medical School in Kilpauk stayed away from their classes in large numbers. The attendance at the Presidency College was rather poor. Here there was picketing.

Mr. S. V. Ramamurthi, Adviser to H. E. the Governor, paid a visit to the Presidency College this morning.

It is understood that the Director of Public Instruction has issued a circular asking the heads of schools and colleges to report to him the daily attendance till normal attendance is restored and to report any demonstrations by students in the institutions.

Madras Congress Secretary Arrested

Mr. Sivaganana Gramani, Secretary, Madras District Congress Committee, was arrested to-day under the Defence of India Rules.—A.P.

Cabinet Crisis In Bengal

Clash With India Govt. Policy: Three Ministers Threaten To Resign

CALCUTTA, Aug. 13.

It is understood that at a meeting of the Progressive Assembly Party held this afternoon to consider the present political situation, the Hon. Mr. Santosh Kumar Basu and the Hon. Mr. Pramatha Nath Banerjee, Ministers, Government of Bengal, expressed their intention to resign from the Ministry. They were requested to postpone action in view of the special position in Bengal until the meeting of the Progressive Coalition Party to be held early next week.

It is strongly rumoured in well-informed circles that the Hon. Dr. Symaprasad Mookerjee is also in disagreement with the policy of the Government of India with regard to the present political situation and that unless that the policy is revised, Dr. Mookerjee proposes to resign.—A. P.

LATHI CHARGE AND ARRESTS

JALGAON, Aug. 13.

Last night a large crowd which attempted to hold a demonstration to protest against the arrest of Mr. Deokinandan Narain, member of the A. I. C. C. was dispersed. The police dispersed this morning a procession. Shops in Hindu localities are closed.

A police party was stoned near the Khandesh Mill during recess to-day. Six persons were arrested. A. P.

Crowds Break Open Goods Shed

NAGPUR, July 13.

After a comparatively quiet night there has been recrudescence of trouble inside the city this morning, and the police had to open fire in Sitabaldi, the business centre.

The number of casualties is not yet known.

Shops in the city are closed since midday yesterday. The working of textile mills is also affected.

It is learnt that hooligans damaged railway property and cut telephone and telegraph lines, but these were soon repaired. Water mains in one part of the city were also smashed.

Last evening hooligans forced open the B. N. Railway goods shed at Itwara Railway Station, in the suburbs of Nagpur, and looted grain. Minor damage was also done to railway installations.

More than half-a-dozen localities in the city are affected.—A. P.

Police Open Fire In Nagpur

NAGPUR, Aug. 13.

Following the cutting of telegraph and telephone wires and other disturbances, there were firing by police in three different localities before midday to-day. A crowd which started a bonfire of the contents of the Craddock Town post office was fired upon by the police.—A. P.

CROWDS CLASH WITH POLICE

Police Firing In Dacca: One Killed: Lathi Charge On Student Demonstrations

DACCA, August 13.

One person was killed and several others, including the District Judge, Mr. J. De, and some police constables, were injured as a result of clashes between demonstrators and the police in the city to-day. The police had to use tear smoke at three places to disperse the demonstrators.

At 11 a. m. the Local Munsiff's Court was raided by a mob who broke the windows and set fire to the records of the Court. Mr. J. De, District Judge, on receipt of information rushed to the spot and tried to save the records. But the mob attacked him with lathis and brickbats. The guard of the District Judge thereupon fired six shots with his revolver in order to save his master's life. As a result of this two persons were injured.

The District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police soon rushed to the spot with a police force, who dispersed the crowd by tear smoke.

Later, the police had to open fire with revolver on a mob at Shakhari Bazar, as a result of which one person was killed. Two police constables received injuries from brickbats. The police had to use tear smoke on two other occasions. Partial Hartal is being observed in the city.—A. P.

BARAMATI RAILWAY STATION ATTACKED

Interference With Means Of Communication: Poona City Under Curfew

POONA, August 13.

News has been received here of serious outbreak of trouble in Baramati in Poona District. It is stated the Baramati Railway Station was attacked by a mob and considerable damage was done to railway property. Two railway carriages are said to have been burnt down. Further details are awaited.

Official confirmation, however, is lacking at the time of wiring.

Hartal In Reay Market

In Poona City trouble was confined to-day mainly to the Reay Market area in the heart of the city. But for this locality the other parts of the city were comparatively quiet and no untoward incidents occurred. There was a hartal in the Reay Market.

Later in the afternoon on the Laxmi Road, near the City Post Office, telegraph communications were interfered with and an electric switch box was completely damaged. The overhead traffic lights as well as several electric street lights in the vicinity were smashed. Passers-by were deprived of their hats and ties and set alight by throwing them into bonfires.

The military was not called out to-day.

Communications Tampered With

It is understood the Poona-Sholapur Telegraph and Telephone lines carrying the main telegraph route to Madras Southern India was also tampered with, but has since been restored.

The District Magistrate has by an order issued to-day extended the Curfew limits which now cover the whole of the Poona City Municipal area.

Holiday For Students

The principals of the Fergusson and Sir Parshurambhau Colleges, Poona, have notified that in view of the present disturbed conditions in the city, students residing away from their guardians would be allowed to go to their homes.

Students residing in Poona with their guardians would be given leave of absence if they need it on account of unsafe conditions.

It is emphasised that students should be either in their class room or their homes. They are advised not to loiter outside and get mixed up with any crowd.—A. P.

(From Our Correspondent)

POONA, August 13.

Military opened fire wounding four persons, one of them was immediately removed to hospital where he is lying in precarious condition.

Police Fire On Unruly Crowd

One Killed: Mass Raids On Post Offices: Over 200 Arrests In U. P.

ALLAHABAD, Aug. 13.

Three rounds of firing had to be resorted to by the military to-day in the city on an unruly crowd which grew violent and threw brick-bats.

One person was killed and one seriously injured.

All markets continue to be closed.

Military Patrol Strengthened

The following 'communique' has been issued by the District Magistrate of Allahabad: —

"Spasmodic acts of hooliganism and incendiarism took place in the northern part of the town. An A. R. P. ambulance was burnt. Firing was resorted to on one occasion resulting in one death.

Military patrol has been strengthened in the northern part of the town. Outside the city boundary one post office and a railway station were attacked and some damage done.—A. P.

Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit, Ex-Minister, U. P. Government, has been arrested for detention under the Defence of India Rules.—

Mobs Raid Lucknow Post Offices

LUCKNOW, Aug. 13.

Victoria Ganj, Madanmahal and Gurdwara extra-departmental post offices were raided almost simultaneously this morning and some property destroyed. Cash is reported to have been removed from one of the post offices.

The city is observing partial hartal but almost all Muslim shops in predominantly Muslim localities are open. Military and police patrols are moving about in the city.—A. P.

Raid On Post Offices

Two more Post Offices, namely, Victoria Street Post Office and Nadal Mohal Post Office, were raided by demonstrators, who destroyed the records. An abortive attempt was also made to storm Golaganj Post Office.—United Press.

Over 200 Arrests In U. P.

Since the commencement of the movement 15 Congressmen have been arrested in the city under Section 129 of the Defence of India Rules and 55 for defiance of the Magistrate's orders. The latter includes about a dozen arrested to-day.

The Gurdwara Post Office has been raided and some records destroyed.

According to the correspondent of the "National Herald" about 100 Congressmen in Behraich, 35 in Aligarh and 33 in Gonda have been arrested so far.

PENALTIES ENHANCED

A 'communique' issued by the U. P. Government says:—

"By a notification dated August 13, 1942 His Excellency the Governor of the United Provinces has declared that sections 3 to 7 inclusive of the Enhancement of Penalties Ordinance of 1942 shall have effect in Allahabad City with effect from the date of notification".—United Press.

RIOTERS TO BE FIRED UPON

BAREILLY, Aug. 12.

Mr. C. M. Ker, District Magistrate, Bareilly, has promulgated an order under Sec. 144 Cr. P. C. prohibiting the public from collecting or proceeding in groups of more than five persons for a period of fourteen days. The public are further warned that the police have ordered to fire on rioters.—A. P.

POLICE OPEN FIRE TWICE

AGRA, August 12.

Yesterday police resorted to firing twice near Agra College to disperse a huge crowd. Some were injured.—A. P.

Delhi City Fathers Walk-out

NEW DELHI, Aug. 13.

Eight members of the Delhi Municipal Committee staged a walk-out from a meeting of the Committee to-day as a protest against the ruling of the Chairman, the Deputy Commissioner, disallowing a motion for the adjournment of the meeting.

The adjournment was sought on grounds of the arrest of the leaders and widespread trouble.

The Chairman said that the municipal members should continue their work and co-operate with the authorities. He disallowed the motion, whereupon eight members walked out.

Military pickets have been withdrawn from Chandni Chowk. Banks are working to-day and some shops remained closed.—United Press.

City Situation Shows Improvement

More Shops Open· Public Vehicular Traffic Resumed

No incidents were reported in the city on Thursday.

More shops were open both in the North and the south. Tram services, however, were not running to normal schedule.

In the north trams have begun to run up to Dadar.

Although the bus service has not come to normal and the northern part of the city is not having any service, there were more buses on the streets, 88 out of 130 buses were put in service.

More mills and factories were working.

All the cloth markets and some shops in the business areas in Kalbadevi remained closed. Some shops remained closed in Girgaum also. But for this the southern part of the city had almost come to normal.

SHOW IMPROVEMENT

Bhuleshwar, Mumbadevi, Kabutarkhana, Cathedral Street, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Fanaswadi, Khetwadi and Thakurdwar which were the main centres of trouble on the previous days presented a tranquil appearance.

In the Fort area there was perfect peace but as a precautionary measure the gates of the Secretariat were guarded by the police. Police were posted along all the approaches to Secretariat and the surrounding streets as well.

The police and military vigilance in the Kalbadevi and Girgaum areas continued.

It appears, at the junction of Deodhar Road and Matunga Station Road, three persons refused to clear the garbage. When dragged to the heap of road obstacles by the police, they simply squatted and refused to budge. The police after administering a few whacks, asked them not to proceed along the road, but turned them back. The three persons obeyed.

From the same place, various such complaints are reported. A little further away, there was a lathi charge by the police, last evening.

Again, at Gokhale Road on Wednesday a military van stopped when a missile fell from an unknown place. Persons from it, it is alleged, invaded a nearby house, knocked at every door and having failed to find the real miscreant, presumably suspected a teacher and his pupil, made them walk down to the road and ultimately found, they were innocent. They were allowed to go.

Some other instances are reported where the police and military have entered buildings. It was alleged that a posse of police constables entered a building at Worli and made a lathi charge. In the "melee," one constable returned with a bruised head.

In Dadar, police parties were seen entering small lanes and were arresting persons from some of the houses.

Incredibly long queues of men and women were seen standing in front of Government grain shops to obtain their daily supply of grains.

DAY WITHOUT INCIDENT IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, August 13.

Upto midnight there was no incident in Bombay. The police rounded up more persons suspected to have participated in the disturbances.—A. P.

Govt. Communique

There was a further improvement in the situation in Bombay to-day (August 13). Except for a very few minor incidents, the city had returned to normal.

Up to 5 p.m. no casualties were reported. Wednesday's casualties were three dead and 42, including seven policemen, injured.

A number of mills and factories resumed full normal working to-day. All Government colleges are open.

More arrests were made when the police had another round-up of suspects in the worst-affected areas on Wednesday night.

Of those arrested during the various street disturbances many have been released on bail. None of these, however, is charged with a serious offence.

Andheri Post Office Damaged

BOMBAY, Aug. 13.

The post offices at Andheri and post boxes at Vile Parle, Suburbs of Bombay, and telephone and telegraph wires were damaged by crowds this afternoon. Some articles from Andheri post office were removed and set on fire.

Vile Parle and suburbs were plunged into darkness last night as electric lights had been smashed.—A.P.

Arrests And Hartal In Thana Dist.

(From Our Correspondent.)

THANA, August 13.

Further arrest in Thana District was of Mr. G. D. Vartak, a prominent Congressman and M. L. A. who was arrested at Borivali station, while he was on his return from Bhavnagar to Virar. He was taken to Thana jail.

Another arrest at Thana was of Mr. R. P. Thanekar as he was found leading the procession at Thana.

Complete hartal was observed in the town.

In States

65 ARRESTED IN SECUNDERABAD

SECUNDERABAD, Aug. 13.

After two days' unrest there were signs of improvement in the situation in Secunderabad yesterday. Some shops were open but most of the Hindu shops remained closed due to "Amavas". There were minor disturbances near Mahboob College and in Regimental Bazar but the police dispersed demonstrators without use of force. As the evening wore on demonstrators, asking advantage of the blackout indulged in pelting stone and brick-bats from bulleys. Passersby were persuaded to remove hats and ties. Railway buses and private cars were stoned near the Clock Tower, causing minor damage to windscreens. Mobile police parties rounded up some demonstrators, who are alleged to have indulged in stone-throwing. After a surprise raid the police rounded up a crowd of alleged hooligans in a hotel. Sixty-five persons have been arrested so far.—A. P.

In Travancore

TRIVANDRUM, Aug. 13.

The All-India Congress Working Committee, All-India Congress Committee and Kerala Provincial Congress Committee have been declared unlawful associations under the Travancore Criminal Law Amendment Act. Restrictions have been placed on the Press also in regard to news about the mass movement.

TRIVANDRUM STUDENTS.

A few students of the University College and some high schools in the city met and decided to stay away from their classes on Wednesday. Colleges and schools nevertheless are working as usual.—A. P.

150 Arrested In Rajkot

RAJKOT, Aug. 13.

One hundred and fifty persons have so far been arrested in Rajkot, of whom several are students.

A few girl students have also been taken into custody. The Agency Secretariat, at the approch of which there was picketing to-day, was patrolled by foot and mounted police, who formed a cordon round the picketers.—A. P.

Arrests In Rajkot

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, Aug. 13.

Shri Dashraben Shukla, a teacher in Vanita Vishram and collegian Popatlal and Jesukhlal Shah were arrested.

Bangalore Workers And Students Come Out

BANGALORE, Aug. 12.

A large procession consisting about 6,000 workers from the Hindustan Aircraft Factory, and Bangalore Press paraded through the principal thoroughfares of Bangalore City this morning. When some workers did not turn up to work in the morning, the authorities of the Hindustan Aircraft Factory declared to-day a general holiday with full pay. In the afternoon to-day a large number of workers of the Bangalore Woollen Cotton and Silk Mills also struck work and came out of the mill premises.

Demonstrations by students have been reported in certain parts of the city area. It is stated groups of students waylaid Government officials on their way to offices and removed their turbans substituting them with Khaddar caps.

FIVE-DAY CLOSURE.

All educational institutions in the cities of Bangalore and Mysore are closed until 17th August.

Further reports of arrests of Congressmen from the districts have been received. At Srinivaspur (about sixty miles from Bangalore) the president of the Kolar District Congress Committee a member of the Mysore State Congress Working Committee and another Congressman were arrested last night and brought to Bangalore for detention in Central Jail.—A. P.

STOP PRESS

1,500 JAPS KILLED AND WOUNDED

CHUNGKING, Aug. 13.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece of quit and ground rent land with the dwelling house thereon, situate at Durga Street, Mahim, containing by admeasurement 174 Square Yards and assessed under G. Ward No. 5290 and Street No. 20 and which property bears Cadastral Survey No. 1101 of Mahim Division.

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High Court

NADIAD ELECTRIC CO.'S APPEAL SUCCEEDS

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Divatia)

The Nadiad Electric Supply Co. Ltd. Appellant (Original Defendant)

Versus.

Bhagwandas Dahyabhai and Another—Respondents (Original Plaintiffs).

The father of the Respondents who was running his iron and brass factory at Nadiad and took up the supply of electricity from the Defendant under a written contract for two years, from 1st July 1935 to 30th June 1937 on the terms that he was to use minimum 4,000 units per year for 2 years at the rate of Re. 0-1-6 per unit, and that after the expiry of the two years if he was to show his inclination to take the power and the parties agreed about the rates to be charged the Defendant was to give the power to him before giving it to others. The Plaintiffs alleged that there was no legal contract in existence as the Government had not till then sanctioned the forms to be used for contracts with consumers but that the manager of the Defendant Company had orally agreed to it. When the two years' period was over on 30th June 1937, the new manager of the Defendant company informed the Plaintiffs that he would enter into a new agreement at the same rate only if the minimum was raised from 4,000 to 5,000 units and in case the consumption fell below 5,000 the rate charged would be 2 annas per unit. The Plaintiffs contended that this was against the terms of the alleged oral agreement with the former manager which were to continue till approved forms had been issued by the Government and that till then there was no scope for a new written agreement. The Plaintiffs therefore filed this suit for a declaration that the Defendant company was bound to supply motive power at the agreed rate of Re. 0-1-6 for a minimum of 4,000 units' annual consumption or in any event at a rate not higher than the maximum rates sanctioned by Government viz Re. 0-2-6 for the first 500 units and then at Re. 0-1-6 per unit and that their bill dated 1st September 1937 charging at 3 annas per unit was illegal and for a mandatory injunction ordering the Company to reconnect their factory at the Company's cost and for Rs. 400 by way of damages for the wrongful disconnection of his factory.

The trial Judge at Nadiad held that the alleged oral agreement was not proved, that the written contract for two years was not void under proviso (a) to cl. 6 of the Schedule to the Indian Electricity Act as not being in a form approved by Government, but that the written contract having expired on 30th June 1937 the Company could raise the rates and that the rates charged were the proper rates under the license. He therefore dismissed the Plaintiffs' suit with costs. On appeal by the Plaintiffs the Assistant Judge of Kaira at Nadiad reversed the decree of the trial Court decreed the suit and awarded Rs. 200 as damages to the Plaintiffs. From this the Company appealed to the High Court.

His lordship held that the lower appellate court was wrong when it took the view that though there was no oral agreement proved, the rate mentioned in the written contract must be incorporated into the terms that governed the parties even after the expiration of its terms two years. The learned Assistant Judge came to that conclusion because in his view of it, the condition in the written contract for supplying electricity for a period of two years only was invalid and inoperative as being in contravention of the form approved by Government which gave the consumer and not the Electric Company the option to terminate the contract after two years and therefore the Company was bound to supply energy at the old rates till the Plaintiffs terminated the contract. His lordship agreed with the decision of the trial Court that the written contract was valid and held that the decision of the lower appellate Court was wrong. His lordship therefore set aside the decree of the lower appellate Court, allowed the appeal and dismissed the suit with costs throughout.

The Advocate-General, Mr. M. C. Setalvad, instructed by Messrs. Crawford Bayley and Co., appeared for the Appellant Company.

Mr. J. C. Shah appeared for the Respondents.

RETAIL DEALERS' GRIEVANCES

Inadequate Supply Of Rice

The president of the Bombay Grain Dealers' Association, writes:—

The Hon. Sir Shantidas Askuran arranged an interview of the office-bearers of the Grain Dealers' Association with Mr. Punjabi on the 4th instant, and after a long discussion, Mr. Punjabi assured us that 2,500 bags of rice per day would be given to our members from Thursday, the 6th instant and that after the stock of 12,000 bags of rice with wholesale dealers was exhausted, arrangements would be made for giving us 2,500 bags of rice per day from the Government godowns. We deeply regret that we got rice in very small proportion during the previous month, and on last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, we got only 1,048 bags, when we should have according to the assurance of Mr. Punjabi, got 7,500 bags of rice. Thus our retail dealers have got rice to a very limited extent.

Another difficulty, is that we cannot get lorries or carts for the transport of rice from one place to another. Thus our retail dealers are not able to supply any requirement, as they have no stock of rice with them. We hope the people of Bombay would appreciate our difficulties in the matter.

New Hon. Magistrates For Bombay

The Government of Bombay have appointed the following persons to be Honorar Presidency Magistrates for the Town and Island of Bombay, and to empower them under sub-section (2) of the said section to sit singly:—

Mr. G. Barnes; Mr. C. J. Bollins; Mr. A. S. Chadwick; Mr. A. J. Emery; Mr. S. T. Dockray; Mr. A. Forrington; Mr. V. Corbett-Wright; Mr. T. R. S. Kynnersley; Mr. G. D. Shuttleworth; Mr. R. C. Summerhayes; Mr. A. D. Walwyn; Mr. N. Lishman; Mr. L. M. Bruce; Mr. Jamshed D. Antia, M.B.E.; Mr. S. D. Billimoria; Mr. J. D. Boyle Mr. W. J. Burrows; Mr. S. M. Chothia; Mr. H. F. Commissariat; Mr. F. S. Contractor; Mr. K. J. Divecha; Mr. Behram Doctor; Mr. J. R. Dossa; Mr. F. A. Dotivala, M.B.E.; Mr. R. S. F. Dubash; Mr. T. E. Ferro; Major E. H. Hawes, M.B.E.; Mr. W. Jenkins; Mr. N. B. N. Karanjia; Rai Bahadur S. B. Kedia; Mr. G. S. Mahomed; Mr. R. M. Marshall; Mr. W. M. Martin; Mr. V. Mathalone; Mr. M. N. Mehta; Mr. M. S. C. Mitha; Mr. H. W. Nicholson; Mr. F. Portlock; Mr. D. J. Registrar; Mr. T. M. Saherwalla; Mr. P. M. Salvi; Mr. R. S. Sethna; Mr. H. P. Shroff; Mr. C. W Waud and Mr. J. B. Shearer, I.C.S.

R. T. SANGH: Under the auspices of the Rohidas Tarun Sudharak Sangh, a mass meeting was held at Neighbourhood Hall for distribution of books to the poor students of the Charmakar community under the presidentship of B. R. Gaikwad.

M/s. V. N. Kelseekar, V. Y. Pewekar (Mahratta), P. D. Nandgonkar, Mr. Vadhalkar, S. A. Urankar, and M. M. Nandgoankar Councillors of Thana spoke.

Prof. V. G. Rao paid Rs 30 in cash to the Sangh, and Meherban Seth Amritlal Seth Prop. "Lokmanya" and "Janamabhumi" also donated Rs. 25.

Acworth Leper Home, Matunga

The President, Acworth Leper Home, Matunga, acknowledges with thanks the following donations to the Home received during the months of April, May and June 1942:—

1. The Hon. Secretary, Saraswat Hitwardhak Mandal for distributing country blankets and dhoties among the inmates of the Home Rs. 50; 2. Mrs. M. C. Avari, in commemoration of the death anniversary of her mother, Rs. 35; 3. Collections from the Poor Boxes, Rs. 19-1-0; 4. Mr. M. C Thanawalla, Rs. 10: 5. Mr. Sunderrao D. Navalkar, Rs. 5; 6. Mr. K. T. an out-patient donated 2 syringes of 5 cc. and 20 cc. costing Rs. 21; 7. Mr. S A J and Mr. S R A out-patients donated together 2 syringes of 10 cc. and 20 cc. costing Rs. 25. Total Rs. 119-1-0

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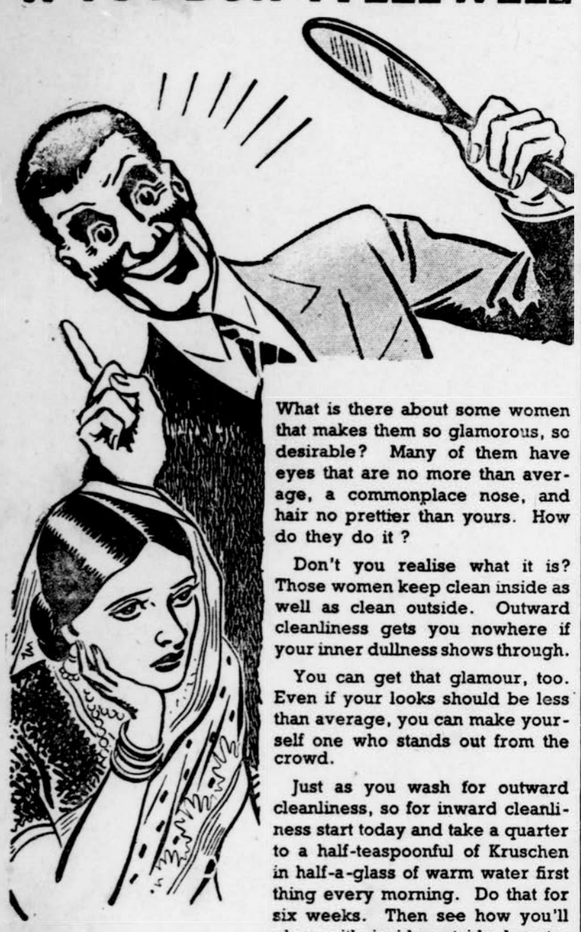

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 14.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Haqqani Gane. 5-20 Ghazal aur geet. 5-35 Thumri aur geet. 6-25 Jawabi Hamla. 6-39 Joan Young. 6-45 Haike Phulke Gane. 7 Mumtaz Qawwal and party. 7-15 Adabi Adaiat Men. 7-30 Manohar. 7-35 It has happened. 7-40 Mile Jule Gane. 8 Daem Husain. 8-15 For villagers only. 9-50 Joan Young. 10 Master Mumtaz Qawwal and party. 10-15 Pakke Gane. 10-30 Ishrat Begam.

Bombay I—Programme.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Hirabai Barodekar. 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English. 8-10 Abdul Rahman and party. 8-30 Haripada Ghosh. 8-40 P. D. Joshi. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 B. V. Pendharkar. 9-25 Air Trio. 12-30 p.m. Qawwalies, Thumries and geets. 12 57 News in Hindustani. 1 Musical mixture. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 4-25 School broadcast. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 Abdul Rehman and party. 5-20 Haripada Ghosh. 5-30 Marathi pad. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 P. D. Joshi. 6 News in English. 6-10 Counter-attack. 6-15 News in Hindustani. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 Children's half hour. 7 Shatruchya Batmya. 7-15 Pinakin Trivedi. 7-30 B. V. Pendharkar. 7-45 News commentary. 7-50 Abdul Rehman and party. 8-10 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-30 World affairs. 8-45 Mr. N. B. Samarth will give a talk in English on "China Rebuilt". 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C. News relay. 9-45 Listening post. 9-50 War review. 10 Megha-Raja. 10-30 Hirabai Barodekar.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-50 Hirabai Barodekar. 8 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Gujarati songs. 9 Gotvadyam recital. 9-10 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1.

12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

4-20 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 8-10 As in Bombay 1. 8-10 Haripada Ghosh. 8-20 Pinakin Trivedi. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Hirabai Barodekar. 9-30 Manek Bhagat. 9-45 Leo D'Souza. 9-55 Chicago Symphony Orchestra. 10-5 Hazel David. 10-15 International Concerto Orchestra. 10-25 Antsher Lobo. 10-35 International Concert Orchestra.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

Civil Appointments

Mr. M. G. Monani, I.C.S., Offg. Dist. and Sessions Judge, Surat, is granted leave for two months, from 24th August 1942.

The resignation by Mr. D. D. Storrar, J. P., of his appointment of Hon. Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, is accepted by the Government of Bombay.

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Hightide: 0-52, 13-23, Lowtide: 6-52, 19-32.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

METRO—"Cash and Carry" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Basant" 1 and 4 p.m. only.
BROADWAY—"Pyas", 1-30 and 4-15 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Kunwara Bap", 1-30 and 4-15 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Saugand", 3 p.m only
NEW WEST. END—"Khan-Daan" 3, 6 and 9
CAPITOL—"Two-Faced Woman" 3-30, 6 and 9-30 p.m.
ROXY—"Jhoola", 1 and 4 p.m. only.
REGAL—"Hold that Ghost" 3-30, 6 and 9-30
EXCELSIOR—"Go West Young Lady" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Dumbo" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MINERVA—"Station Master" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
PRAKASH—"Manthan" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Mata" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
EDWARD—"Mud" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PARADISE—"That Night in Rio" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m
PALACE—"Aloma of the South Seas" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Sister" 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
PLAZA—"Bharat Bhet" 3-45, 6-45 and 9-45
CENTRAL—"Phir Milenge" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
AURORA—"It Started With Eve" 4 6-30 and 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Sangam" 1-30 and 4-15 p.m.
SUPER—"Muqabla" 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
CITY LIGHT—"Padosi" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Ankh-Michowli" 4, 7 and 10
OPERA HOUSE—"Arman" 4 7 and 10 p.m

Domestic Occurrence

DEATH

WADIA: Dinbai Jamshedji Bomanji, daughter of the late Mr. Ardeshir Hormasji wadia and mother of K. J. B. wadia. Funeral this Friday, morning at 8 a.m. (S.T.) Mahmod House, Setalvad Road Nepean Sea Road.

TATA OIL MILLS CO.: The Head office staff of the Tata Oil Mills Co., Ltd., Bombay House, Bombay, struck work on Thursday, as a protest against the arrest of the Congress leaders.

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL MUSLIM STUDENTS' FEDERATION: A general meeting of the Bombay Provincial Muslim Students' Federation will be held to-day (Friday) at 4-30 p.m. at the Ismail Begmuhammad High School Hall.

RUIA DISPENSARY TO GIVE MEDICAL AID: With a view to render necessary medical aid, all requisite arrangements are made at the Ramnarayan Ruia Dispensary on Kalbadevi situated near almond-tree and provision for some beds has also been made for seriously wounded.

BOMBAY MEDICAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Dr. U. B. Narayanrao, the sitting Member of the Bombay Medical Council is again contesting his seat from the non-graduate constituency in the coming elections of Bombay Medical Council. An appeal signed by many influential members of the constituency has been issued.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTIFICATION: The Chief Superintendent, Central Telegraph Office, Calcutta, informs that telegrams to provinces of Madras, Bihar, Central Province, United Province, Punjab and Sind are subject to serious delay due to interruptions.

The Chief Superintendent, Central Telegraph Office, Madras, informs that telegrams to Calcutta and other east coast stations are subject to serious delay due to breakdown of all Madras-Calcutta wires.

RIGHT OF MUSLIM SELF-DETERMINATION

Azad's Assurances Despite Jagat Narain's Resolution

BOMBAY, August 11.

Anent the resolution, which was to have been moved at the A. I. C. C. meeting by Maulana Hifzur Rehman, General Secretary of Jamiatul Ulema and which could nit be moved for want of time, Maulana Hafizur Rehman in a special interview to the "Orient Press" said that the Congress President has already given his ruling on the Delhi resolution: clause five giving right of secession to the provinces and that the resolution of Pt. Jagat Narain passed in Allahabad does not affect the original resolution. This has been confirmed by Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru; thus in principle the right of self-determination for the provinces with a Muslim majority has not only been accepted by the Congress but has also been confirmed by the Congress President at the A. I. C. C. meeting in Bombay.—Orient Press.

JAYATILAKA ON INDIAN SITUATION

COLOMBO, Aug. 12.

"I am going to India at a moment when that great country is passing through a crisis. We of Ceylon have been watching the political developments in India with anxious interest and it has pained me to read about the latest turn events have taken in India", declared Sir Baron Jayatilaka, Ceylon's Home Minister and Leader of the State Council, in an interview to the Associated Press on the eve of his departure on a special mission to India relating to the allocation of rice and other food supplies from India to Ceylon.

Sir Jayatilaka added: "I sincerely hope wise statesmanship will still prevail both in Britain and in India and that an early settlement of the Indian problem satisfactory equally to both the parties will be arrived at. Given goodwill on both sides it should not be impossible".

Sir Baron Jayatilaka accompanied by Mr. K. Vaithyanathan, Information Officer, is leaving for India on Thursday night.—A. P.

"Congress Move Is Unpatriotic", Says Sikander

CAIRO, Aug. 11.

Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, the Punjab Premier who is at present visiting troops on the Egyptian front, being informed of the Indian developments and the arrest of Congress leaders said:—"I deeply regret that the All-India Congress Committee, lacked courage to turn down the Working Committee's resolution.

The enormity of the Congress mistake is even more conspicuous here, where thousands of our brave countrymen are risking their lives for the safety, honour and freedom of their country. It is most deplorable that the Congress should have adopted the present unpatriotic policy at this juncture when every patriotic Indian should be engaged in the defence of the motherland and in helping those, guarding the outer bastions of India's defences.—Reuter.

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● All our trade-marks are fully protected and we have recently found it necessary to institute legal proceedings against various persons for infringement of our "FLEX" mark. The offenders were fined Rs. 2,000.

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LICENCES FOR RETAIL GRAIN DEALERS

Govt. Clarifies Situation

With reference to the Bombay Retail Trade Control and Licensing Order, 1942, dated July 29, 1942, under which retail dealers in grain and some other commodities had to obtain licences before August 10, the Bombay Grain Dealers' Association has made certain representations to the Bombay Government. On consideration of their representations, and of the improved food supply situation, the Government is modifying this Order in the following directions:—

(1) The Order will come into force from August 20. (2) The period within which an appeal against refusal of a licence may be made is extended from 15 to 30 days. (3) A list of prices will have to be displayed in the shop only in respect of the articles for which the Government has fixed the maximum price and not in respect of all articles sold under the licence.

There is, therefore, no objection to retailers continuing to trade after August 10 even though they may not by then have obtained licences. Purchases of food grains from wholesale dealers can also be made by retail dealers upto August 19, as at present.

The Order applies at present only to the City of Bombay and not to the Bombay Suburban District or any other District.

Those dealers who have not yet applied for licences are requested to apply soon to avoid congestion in their issue.

Port Trust To Grant More War Allowance

At their meeting held on August 11 the Trustees of the Port of Bombay considered the question of granting a further increase in the dearness allowance to Port Trust employees.

All Port Trust employees in receipt of Rs. 120 per month or below will get a dearness allowance of Rs. 10-8-0 per month with effect from June 15.

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The Bombay Chronicle

WHY DELAY THE INEVITABLE?

It is not very surprising that the British Labour Party has supported the action taken against the Congress. That Party is now part of the British Government and, moreover, there is little difference between the British parties in dealing with India as they all profit—though, of course, from a narrow point of view—by the economic and political domination of India. The Party thinks that the detention of the Congress leaders was "a timely and unavoidable precaution." It will be well for the Party to consider dispassionately if the action is not inviting more troubles than it has averted. Curiously enough, Reuter's report of the Party's statement does not mention the Party's reaction to the disturbances in the country. Perhaps it has accepted the official plea of the India House that "there is no indication of any widespread mass movement and the countryside is unaffected." The British will be the worst sufferers if the truth is too long concealed from them. It is most unfortunate that mass violence has broken out in various parts of the country. We fully endorse Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar's condemnation of this violence. As he says, this violence will not bring us Swaraj of any type or further any plan of Gandhiji's and, assuming that the authorities fail to check these disorders, what will be established will be "not freedom, not happiness, not courage or mutual confidence, not the power of the spirit to resist brute force, but sheer mob rule of the worst type" and "if any believe that they are helping Gandhiji in his plan by doing or directing these ruinous activities, they are deluding themselves, bringing cruel discredit on him, destroying our progress and postponing the day of our salvation." But the outburst of violence, harmful though it is to the cause for which the Congress stands, is indicative of the deep-seated resentment and discontent among the people and it is not wise for statesmen to ignore the existence of this resentment and discontent.

Wanted Fresh Offer

However, the Labour Party is not without some vague fears of trouble in India in the midst of the war. So it urges Government "not to approve of any action which would unnecessarily embitter the present troubles." The present crisis cannot be got over without immediate negotiations. The Labour Party itself urges Government "to resume free and friendly discussions with a view to safeguarding and implementing the principle of Indian self-government already proclaimed by the British Government and endorsed by the British Parliament and securing the wholehearted support of India in the common effort of United Nations to win freedom for all." Congress leaders demand an acceptable pledge about the present as well as post-war constitutional changes. The A. I. C. C. had only permitted civil disobedience but had not started it. Gandhiji and the Congress President publicly and repeatedly offered negotiations before starting any campaign. Why was the offer flouted and met with only a round up of prominent leaders? The best way for Government to make amends for their blunder is to make a fresh but decent offer to Congress.

Earlier The Better

So much is readily conceded by all those who are anxious about a settlement. It is conceded even by those who now hasten to assure India that the broad intentions of the Cripps' proposals still stand. But the assurance cannot satisfy the Congress and the other parties which rejected the proposals unless the intentions are embodied in a scheme much broader than the old one. On the strength of a message from the Washington correspondent of the "Times", our London correspondent says that an outline scheme which is believed to have the approval of Washington, Canberra and Chungking is the proclamation of "Nominal Commonwealth" with a Provisional Government representing all parties and with the reservation that Britain should remain in full control of war. The scheme is doubtless well meant but it misses the very point the Congress is keen about. The Congress rightly insists that to ensure maximum war effort India must have effective control over her own defence. In an earlier statement the Labour Party says that "the war effort of India may make all the difference between victory and defeat." For that very reason the Congress wants that India should have full control over her resources. However, India is willing to enter into treaty obligations with Britain regarding the conduct of the war. If, in short, Britain even now concedes the substance of the Congress demand, many details about the composition of the National Government can be settled through negotiations. We have not the least doubt Britain will have to seek negotiations with the Congress before many weeks are past because what the Congress seeks immediately is the effective and successful defence of the country and through it the victory of the Allied Nations and this will hardly be easy to secure with the most influential leaders of the country in jail. The sooner this is done the smoother will be the negotiations and more satisfactory to all concerned.

British Production

"Production", says the Sir Walter Venning, the retiring Quarter-Master-General to British forces, "is reaching its peak". Giving some figures, General Venning revealed that the production of munition at the end of 1940 was 5,000 tons a week. Now it is 50,000 tons weekly in Britain. Similarly, the number of wheeled vehicles has arisen from 45,000 at the beginning of the war to over 500,000 now. The position as regards production in Britain is undoubtedly not unimpressive, although it must be recalled that there are many in Britain who strongly hold that it is capable of great improvements.

But the American picture as presented by recent messages is hardly satisfactory. Fears, says a Washington report, are being expressed in certain quarters that war factories might be forced to cut production this month or the next owing to lack of materials or inadequate deliveries. It should be recalled in this connection that American authorities had announced recently that production in June was below schedule. Nor is the problem of raw materials the only bottleneck. A pointed reference was made the other day by the U. S. Bureau of War Information to American complacency. And it was apparently this complacency which necessitated a significant radio campaign led by President Roosevelt. Production lag in America will be a disastrous handicap to the whole war against the Axis. This is clear from the simple fact that the U. S. A. is the real arsenal of the United Nations and that others are in the nature of countries supplementing the American war effort.

Progress In Bhor

Among the progressive Indian States of the Deccan, Bhor occupies a notable place. His Highness the present Rajasaheb ascended the gadi in 1922 and since then has brought about a number of reforms. Prominent among them is the democratisation of the Legislative Council which hereafter will consist of 23 members including the Speaker, 13 of whom will be elected, five nominated non-officials and five officials. The right of interpellations and discussion of the budget have already been conferred and some other improvements in popular favour may be expected when a resolution on the Vaze Committee recommendations will be adopted. The declaration of removal of untouchability in public places like schools and the abolition of the vexatious cesses on marriages, remarriages, houses and buffaloes, nominal fees for all high school classes denote the progressive character of the rule. Taking into consideration the fact that the territory of the state abounds in teak-wood and myrabolum, has the Bhatghar dam very near, we wish active steps were taken to encourage trade and industry through private enterprise, co-operative effort and State aid. Other States like Phaltan and Aundh have made commendable advance in this direction and there is no reason why Bhor should lag behind. The administration report for 1940-41 makes mention of the Raja Raghunathrao Mill but it is not clear what kind of mill this is and what is its output. A state aided or co-operative sugar factory would appear to have good chances of success.

Frankly Speaking

Signs Of Nervousness

The Moscow Radio states that German military authorities have assumed almost absolute powers in Paris, that all roads leading out of the city are being watched by military sentries and that the entire Police force of Paris is in a state of readiness. There was also an earlier report that M. Laval was seriously fearing an attempt at a *coup d'etat* and that he was taking all possible precautions in Vichy. These preparations are a tribute to the temper of the French people, an open confession by Laval and his masters that the French nation is anti-Vichy and anti-German. They also constitute dramatic signs of Nazi nervousness over the possibility of an Anglo-American invasion of western Europe. But—will there be an invasion soon?

Rommel's Admission

Marshal Rommel's broadcast to the German people about the recent situation on the El Alamein is profoundly interesting. Contradicting suprisingly the language of the daily communiques of the German Supreme Command, Rommel said: "The battle was hard and exacted many sacrifices from us. Many of our comrades are no longer fighting in our ranks. We had to wage a very difficult defensive battle. It is simply indescribable what our soldiers had to endure in those weeks. Mere words cannot express it". This is a very significant confession reminiscent of Herr Hitler's and Marshal Goering's admissions about the situation on the Russian front during the winter. But does it not imply that Marshal Rommel thinks he is now quite safe? It may even be that the Axis commander has made the revelations on the eve of an offensive by him?

Volunteer Firemen

The seventy-seven volunteer firemen who have arrived in India have attracted a great deal of attention in view of the work they are to do in India. The word volunteer is, however, used only in the sense that they have volunteered to come to India. The terms on which their services have been secured for India are, we understand, as follows: An English Fire Brigade officer is to get Rs. 800 per month; An English Fireman (sub-officer grade I) will get Rs. 600 per month; grade II to get Rs. 500 per month. All expenses, including passage to India and repatriation, will also have to be paid. Likewise they will get pensions, gratuities etc. to which they would have been entitled in England. Let us be quite sure what we mean when we use the word "Volunteer" in connection with them.

"EVENTUALLY—WHY NOT NOW"?

"Years ago there was a brand of flour sold widely throughout America. I saw its huge field posters as far south as New Orleans and all the way north to Portland, Maine. It had but one monotonous slogan: *"Eventually—Why Not Now?"* That, associated with the name of the flour, which I have forgotten, was supposed to compel the housewives of the United States to use no other flour in their cookery. The slogan would be a good one for the non-isolationists to revive in the U. S. A. just now. "Eventually—Why Not Now?" has a convincing appeal about it."

"As the Days Go By . . ." by Sir John Hammerton, p.202. Cassell, London.

Is It Humanitarianism?

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—One of the sorriest features of the past few days of disturbances has been the deplorable attitude of the authorities of the St. John's Ambulance.

From information I have gathered from two prominent ladies both of whom are members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, it appears that, in spite of repeated requests from their members and other citizens, they refused to send their ambulances to the affected area where dozens of wounded were lying unattended. In explanation, an official of the Brigade pointed out that St. John's had been placed under military control and the ambulances could be sent only at the initiative of the military authorities. Whatever the reasons, the St. John's ambulances were never used throughout the grave period of emergency and who can say how many lives were lost as a consequence.

What the Indian members of the Brigade are wondering is whether they did not make a mistake in joining an organisation which, while claiming to be humanitarian adopts such an amazing attitude at a time of emergency.

Not only were St. John's ambulances not sent but some of the other ambulances that rushed to the spot (e.g., the Municipal and Swastik League ambulances) were, it is reported, turned back on the way and not allowed to render humanitarian aid to the wounded.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of a political upheaval, surely one does not expect such a bankruptcy of elementary humanitarian considerations.—Yours, etc.,

AN INDIAN.

Hooliganism Is Suicidal Folly

Mad Destruction Of Human Life Cannot Bring Us Swaraj, Warns C. R.

MADRAS, August 13.

In a statement to the Press, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, ex-Premier, Madras says:—

It is impossible to be silent any longer. Hooliganism is raging in many places in India. Unsigned slips of paper, I understand, are being widely distributed by hand, wherein the sabotage of public property is programmed.

It is clothed in Gandhiji's language, and stepped up in stages to give it the embalance of authority and the appearance of an ordered movement. The last and worst stages are already being put in practice; and arson, mischief and deliberate dislocation of social order is afoot.

BR. GOVT.'S "GRIEVOUS SINS"

It is true that Gandhiji's arrest has deprived the movement of its legitimate guidance and precipitated violence. The removal of leaders in a Civil Disobedience movement organised against Government is an inevitable sequence and the thought that it might have been otherwise had Government not arrested Gandhiji so suddenly, cannot help us. I can easily set out the grievous sins of the British Government from 1939 September onwards up to this moment, and counterpoise this appeal with a condemnation of Government but my purpose will not be served by dilating on other people's errors. Had there been any hope that by hooliganism such as is now practised, we could achieve our political objective, we might not mind other people's nerves and carry on. But, where it is suicidal folly, barren of any good whatsoever it does not profit us to find explanations. Our urgent duty is severely to discourage and stop the folly. We should remove all delusion in the minds of people that this programme of hooliganism is what the official Congress wants done on its behalf.

SCORCHED EARTH POLICY

Leading Congressmen protested strongly against a scorched earth policy in the Defence of India. That was a policy which was in the last resort, to be put into effect by the military authorities in the event of enemy progress. But now, in the name of the Congress, a 'scorched earth' policy worse than what was contemplated by the military authorities is being practised with wanton recklessness by men claiming to be patriotic. The burning down of municipal public halls and railway stations and warehouses, the digging up of the permanent way so as to derail or prevent trains from running and setting fire to bogies,—such mad destruction and disregard of the safety of human life cannot bring us Swaraj of any type or further any plan of Gandhiji's.

SHEER MOB RULE

Assuming that the authorities fail to check these disorders, what is it that will be established? not freedom, not happiness, not courage or mutual confidence, not the power of the spirit to resist brute-force, but sheer mob rule of the worst type. If this goes on and the authorities fail to check it, as indeed the men who guide and carry out such operations must be hoping, our towns and our countryside will be ruled by the leaders of goondas, and decent people will have to live under blackmail and trembling in fear of insult and outrage. God forbid that our intelligence should be so clouded as to encourage what may lead to such a disastrous result.

It is well known, I disagreed from Gandhiji's plan in the present crisis and tried to deflect him from it, and I am not seeking to argue and justify myself now. I write this only to say that if any believe that they are helping Gandhiji in his plan by doing or directing these ruinous activities they are deluding themselves, bringing cruel discredit on him, destroying our progress and postponing the day of our salvation.—A. P.

Br. Labour And Indian Freedom

"Indian War Effort May Make All Difference Between Victory And Defeat"

LONDON, August 12.

A statement which comes jointly from the Labour Party and the Trades Union Congress says:—

"In the light of Labour's declarations of policy in favour of Indian Self-Government the recent Cripps' discussions and the subsequent pronouncements of Indian parties and leaders and the grave perils which now threaten India as the result of Japanese aggression in Asia and throughout the Pacific, we feel it necessary to make an earnest appeal to the Indian peoples.

We recall in particular the consistency throughout many years of Labour's considered view, reaffirmed at the annual Party Conference in May, as to the right of the Indian peoples to decide their own destiny now explicitly recognised by the British Government.

It is an unanimous call of the Conference to the British Government and the peoples of India to make a further effort to reach a rapid and satisfactory settlement.

The Labour Movement believes that the establishment of a Free India in the post-war world is secure and is not endangered by any possibility of evasion or procrastination by the British Government. The world knows that there is now agreement on the principle of Indian freedom. This is a mighty and historic achievement. It is clear that not merely Indian freedom but the freedom of the whole world will be endangered, perhaps destroyed, unless the United Nations are victorious.

WAR EFFORT ESSENTIAL

But the war effort of India may make all the difference between victory and defeat is what is India's battle as much as that of Great Britain, the Dominions, China, Russia, the U.S.A. and other United Nations. We urge Indian communities to see the matter from this angle: for the Labour Movement, is confident that if they could be so persuaded apart altogether from India's right to Self-Government which is now clearly recognised they would have vindicated their claim to positions of equality as a Free World State in the post-war world.

ASPIRATIONS PROMOTED

It is in the light of these considerations that the Labour Movement has been bound to consider the recent unhappy events in India. The National Executive Committee of the Labour Party on July 22 had already resolved: "The British Labour Party, anxious to promote the well-being of the Indian peoples, and their aspirations for self-Government reaffirms it's call to them made at its recent annual conference to make a further effort to reach a rapid and satisfactory settlement". In conjunction with the British Government, it therefore, regards with grave apprehension the possibility of a Civil Disobedience Movement in India and its effects on the efforts of the United Nations now engaged in a desperate struggle to preserve, and extend world freedom. Such a Movement, the very contemplation of which is a proof of political irresponsibility, might imperil the fate of all freedom-loving peoples, and thereby destroy all hopes of Indian freedom".—Reuter.

American Liberal Leaders' Appeal To India

(FROM LONDON BY SPECIAL CABLE).

Following is the text of a statement issued by 18 prominent American Liberals on the Indian situation:

The resolution adopted by the Working Committee of the All-India Congress Party calls in effect for obstruction of India's defence and the United Nations' war effort; yet it merely proposes non-violence against powers of violent aggression.

Ratification of this resolution would alienate American opinion and harm India's cause. In this grave hour India cannot expect mankind to show more interest in her independence than she herself shows in victory for the common cause.

We cannot now pause to judge between the conflicting claims of the Indian parties or scrutinise the Congress complaints against Great Britain. The British proposals last spring seemed reasonable to the majority of Americans. After their rejection, new proposals should arise from agreement among all important groups in India.

Aware of the need for unity for effective action in the war, we appeal to the leaders and members of the All-India Congress Party to work with other Indian communities for victory over the Axis. Already the Indian Army ranks fifth among the forces of the United Nations, and India's soldiers are fighting beside American, French, British and Chinese and other soldiers in Africa and in Asia. If India's united leadership supports the Indian Army as strongly as its heroism deserves, the soldiers and statesmen together will be building India's national power and national freedom.

The fellowship which has been proven over battlefields in the world and in workshops, fields, and in council chambers in India will transcend ancient divisions and servitudes. There is no longer the problem of India's external freedom except the problem whether the armies of civilisation can beat the Axis. With the coming of victory, India will be free from without. Then, having practised integrity in the service of all men, divisions will have been healed and danger of disunity will have been surmounted.

We in America have known this danger only too well. In his farewell address Washington warned against it saying that it "distracts public councils, agitates communities with ill-founded jealousies, kindles animosity of one party against another and opens the door to foreign influence."

Our Federal Union has been a success only to the extent that we have remembered the fundamental principles off freedom; no majority must use its power to the permanent harm of the minority; no minority must use its rights to frustrate orderly Government or the common welfare.

In pre-war years the locusts had eaten; small and large nations looked selfishly to their own interests, neglecting the security of the world, forgetting that freedom has become indivisible.

India's leaders can profit from the woeful experience of other nations. India must now pay the price for foolish isolationism and selfish pacifism. Historic grievances are no excuse for neglecting the challenge of a supreme world crisis, for failing to "come to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

If, however, she shares the fight for freedom with all armies under civilisation, united India will work and walk together as an equal with Britain, Russia, the United States and other United Nations.

(Signed by Herbert Agar, President of "Freedom House" and Editor of the "Louisville Courier-Journal"; Alexander Sachs, economist and member of the Board of citizens for Victory; Barry Bingham, publisher of the "Louisville Courier-Journal"; Bishop Henry Whobson, National Chairman of the Fight for Freedom Committee and editorial writer of the "Herald-Tribune"; Walter Millis, member of the Board of the Free World Association; Henry P. Van Dusen, Union Theological Seminary and National Committee, founders of "Freedom House"; Reinhold Niebuhr, Union Theological Seminary, member of the Board of Union for Democratic Action; Freda Kirchwey, editor and publisher of the 'Nation'; Lewis Mumford, member of the Union for Democratic Action; Christian Gauss, Dean of Princeton; Clifton Fadiman, book reviewer of the "New Yorker"; George Fielding Eliot, military commentator of the "Herald-Tribune"; Georges Counte, Professor of Education in the Teachers' College and expert on Russian affairs; Earnest Angell, lawyer and President of the Council for Democracy; Frank Aydelotte, former President of Warthmore now head of the Institute of Advanced Studies, Princeton; Stringfellow Barr, President of St. John's College and member of the Board of Federal Union; John Farrar, publisher; James G. MacDonald, formerly head of the Foreign Policy Association).

Munshi's Appeal To United Nations

DANGER OF DRIVING INDIAN NATIONALISM UNDER-GROUND

BOMBAY, August 13.

In course of a statement, Mr K. M. Munshi says:—

If my voice were not as feeble as it is, I would appeal to the United Nations once again to pause and ponder before driving Indian Nationalism under ground.

Gandhiji and Maulana both wanted to appeal to the British Government and the United Nations not to smother Indian desire for independence. But the Government of India wanted to come to grips at once. Lord Willingdon adopted the same technique in 1932. It is now Lord Linlithgow's turn.

A world federation has already come into existence. India is already within the framework of this world federation. The world federation is already functioning. The A. I. C. C. only asked for a membership of this federation.

A full membership of this world federation for India is a just and legitimate demand. It is a historic necessity. It is the only way to win the war. It implies no danger to the cause of Democracy. It implies a common department of defence for the United Nations, including India; a common foreign policy. It presupposes a close collaboration between India and Anglo-American troops under a common leadership in all theatres of war, including India. It predicates a common front, a common war aim. If this is what the A. I. C. C. means—and that it what it says—no Indian, no Britisher, no American can quarrel with it, unless the war for democracy is a sham. To stamp out such a legitimate desire would be betrayal of the cause for which millions of multi-coloured soldiers all over the world are laying down their lives.

There are many in this country like me, for instance, who have felt frustrated by India, being denied the right of fighting for democracy.

If India is not to be a dependency of the White Nations after the war, why is she denied autonomy subject to defence and foreign policies being world federalised?—United Press.

GOVT. MUST LOOK BEYOND POLICE AND TROOPS

LONDON, August 13.

British Labour appeals to the Indian Congress to abandon the Civil Disobedience campaign, declares the "Daily Herald" on Thursday.

The "News Chronicle" suggests that there is no reason why leading members of the United Nations—the United States, Russia and China—should not be associated in some way with a settlement of the Indian problem.

"They might, for example, act as guarantors of Britain's pledge to India of full self-Government after the war. This offer has been put forward in all good faith."

The "Manchester Guardian" observes "A wise Government will be looking beyond its police and troops to the possibilities of restoring real peace to India.

It is ridiculous to speak as though we should never again negotiate with the Congress.

Wrong and misguided as its recent policy we cannot ignore a political body which represents a large part of Hindu India and whose co-operation is essential to the carrying out of our own plan for India's future.

So far as we possibly can put into the hands of Indians the whole business of dealing with their difficult fellow countrymen.—Reuter.

SHARE BROKERS' APPEAL TO GOVT.

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The President of the Native Share and Stock Brokers' Association has sent the following telegram to His Excellency the Governor General-in-Council, the Hon'ble the Supply and Commerce Members:—

"The Association views with serious concern the recent grave developments in the political situation of the country, consequent upon the arrest of Mahatma Gandhi and other well-known leaders. It regards the action taken by the Government as precipitate and ill-judged, particularly in view of the declared intention of Mahatma Gandhi to approach the Viceroy. The Association is convinced that the country cannot mobilise its full strength and render full help and assistance in the achievement of victory and international standards of justice, decency and good faith, nor can it fulfil its own destiny, if through repression and restraint, it is plunged into an atmosphere of political chaos and discontent. The Association therefore appeals to the Government to reconsider its policy, and revise it in such a manner, as to win over the sympathy and co-operation of the people, and for this purpose to open negotiations with Mahatma Gandhi."

CITY TRADING BODIES APPEAL TO VICEROY

In a telegram sent on Thursday to Private Secretary to H. E. The Viceroy, New Delhi, the following mercantile bodies of Bombay express their deep concern and regret at the present developments in the political situation in the country. They are however of opinion that notwithstanding the fact that Mahatma Gandhi as well as Congress President had made it abundantly clear that proposed campaign would be launched only if negotiations failed and that Mahatma Gandhi had appealed to His Excellency to avoid conflict Government not only failed to respond but precipitated the crisis by wholesale and simultaneous arrests of Mahatma Gandhi and all other front rank Congress leaders. Such a crisis at present juncture is most disastrous to country in as much as it has brought about dislocation of trade commerce and industry and will at the same time very adversely affect its war efforts. They believe therefore Government will yet see their way not to allow their false notion of prestige to stand in the way and retrieve the position by starting negotiations with Mahatma Gandhi forthwith with a view to bring about reconciliation between Congress and Government in interests of both Britain and India.

Grain Merchants, Seeds Traders, Rice, Sugar, Bombay Kariana, Mudibazar Kariana, Malabar Kariana, Pepper and Ginger, Gol, Ghee, Gum, Kharek and Meva, New Gamthi, Rice Merchants and Bombay Grain Dealers' Associations.

Maharashtra Chamber's Appeal To Viceroy

The Committee of the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce have sent a telegram to the Viceroy regarding the present political situation in the course of which they say:—

The Committee of the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce feel that it was not proper on the part of the Government to have so hastily launched the policy of repression against the Congress party in spite of the declared intention of Mahatma Gandhi and the Working Committee of the Congress, to negotiate with the Viceroy for a settlement.

The Committee earnestly urge that in the interest of public safety and successful war effort His Excellency the Viceroy should see that all the repressive measures are withdrawn and Congress leaders released and a conference of all leading political parties is called immediately, in order to arrive at an agreed solution of the present political problem for the period of the war.

U. S. Communist Plea To Solve Indian Crisis

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.

The National Committee of the Communist Party urged the entire American labour movement to call upon the United States' Government, the British Cabinet and the British T. U. C. to help bring about a solution of the Indian crisis.—Reuter.

Muslim League's Demand

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—When Hitler got possession of the Rhineland in 1936 without any struggle or bloodshed, he made a speech in the Reichstag and said: "After three years I can regard the struggle for German equality as concluded. We have no territorial demands to make in Europe". Soon after he got Austria, Czecho-Slovakia and Poland and the Allies have to struggle now for Democracy. If the Hindus follow the advice of Mr. Rajagopalachari and yield to the demands of Mr. Jinnah for an equal representation in the Assembly and a Pakistan, the consequences will be the same. The Hindus will have to fight for their existence in their own country in future just the same, only on less favourable terms. I am sure Mr. Rajagopalachari will consider this eventuality. The propaganda of the Muslims for the last thirty-five years, since the Lucknow compromise for separate elections has been in no way different from that of the politicians in Germany who have taught their youth about their invincibility. Muslims are made to believe that they are the only virile people fit to rule. Hindus are devoid of any such quality and Muslims will get all they want if they only follow their Fuhrer or their Quid-e-Azam.—Yours, etc.

S. B. GADGIL

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

Soviet military experts were on Wednesday kept busy examining new information on United States aid to Russia cabled from Washington.

—Moscow Message.

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A wise Government writes the "Manchester Guardian", will be looking beyond its police and troops to the possibilities of restoring real peace to India."

So far as looking beyond its police and troops the wise Government is doing so.

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A Chinese paper says: "India's struggle for freedom is identical with the war aims of the United Nations and we have no reason not to be sympathetic."

The paper had better apologise immediately for this most unfriendly—perhaps worse—attitude towards an Ally.

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The British Labour Party has issued a statement endorsing the detention of Congress leaders as a "timely and unavoidable precaution."

Which is a most timely vindication of British Labour's *raison d etre.*

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Lead By Viceroy Urged Headline.

But hasn't it been already given?

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Broadcasting on the recent El Alamein battles, Marshal Rommel has just told Germans: "It is simply indescribable what our soldiers had to endure in those weeks."

But didn't the "German Supreme Command" announcements well and truly describe the victories they were enduring.

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Moscow radio announces that German military authorities have assumed absolute powers in Paris.

Premature by umpteen months.

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The sixth day communique issued from Washington says: "Operations in the Solomon area are still in progress."

We are now beginning to lose patience.

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"I am more fitted," said the modest builder called upon for a speech, "to be upon the scaffold than the speaker's platform."

Latest Commercial

COTTON

DECEMBER
New York, Aug. 13.

Previous closing	18.06
To-day's opening	18.03
Difference	—03
To-day's closing	See Stop Press

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Aug. 13.

Following are the New York opening ranges :—
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December not received
March not received.

LONDON COMMODITIES
London, Aug. 13.

SEEDS
Castorseeds Bombay August/September (£28 quoted) £28 quoted
Linseed Calcutta August/September (£23 1/2 quoted) £23 1/2 quoted.
Linseed La Plata August/September unquoted
Groundnuts Coromandal August/September closed
West Coast India shipment (£27 1/2 quoted) £27 1/2 quoted.

LONDON METALS
Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glosgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh) 131 sh.

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES
T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, Aug. 13.

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	4.03 3/4

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, Aug. 13.

Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON BULLION
LONDON GOLD
London, Aug. 13.

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER
London, Aug. 13.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d.
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d.

CROSS RATES
London, Aug. 13.

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New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

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3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
New York, Aug. 13.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices: General Motors (dol 37 1/8) dol 37 3/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 25 3/4) dol 25 3/4
United States Steel Common (dol 46 3/4) dol 47 1/4
United States Steel Preference (unquoted) unquoted

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, Aug. 13.

The London Stock Exchange was firm to-day.

3½ PER CENT STERLING LOAN
London, Aug. 13.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 1/16

AUSTRALIAN LOAN
5 per cent 1958-68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS
2 1/2 per cent British Consols £82 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £108 1/16
2 per cent Conversion Loan £100 3/16
4 per cent Funding Loan £115 5/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £105 7/8
3 per cent War Loan £102 7/16
4 per cent Victory Bonds £114 3/16

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors	18-6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary	37-0
Electric Music Industry	15-10 1/2
Princhin Johnson	24 4 1/2
Imperial Chemical	33-1 1/2
Woolsworth Ordinary	53-1 1/2
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate	£81
Dundee	27-10 1/2
Unilever Ordinary	28-6
Ford Motors	27-3
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary	£58 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordy	£4
Carreas 'A'	£5 1/2
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary	£6 3/8
P and O Defd	28-4 1/2
Distillers	78-3
Bredfords Dyes	10-0
British Celanese	11-9
J and P Coates	37-3
Courtaulds Ordinary	37-9
Fine Cotton Spinners	12-6
Vickers Limited Ordinary	16-7 1/2
Inter Nickels dol	38 1/8
Indian Iron	36-9

TEA SHARES

Assam	13-1 1/2
Donaro Tea	25-0
Empire of India	17-6

JUTE
Barnagore £5

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber	8-0
Gula Kelampong	7-6
Rubber Plant	14-0

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug	13-9
Burma Corporation	3-3
Rio Tintos	£8
East Rand Properties	£1 5/8
Rand Mines	£6 3/8

MINE SHARES

Crown	£8 1/8
Associated Portland Cement	48-1 1/2
Trinidad Leasehold	70-0
Sub-Nigel	£5 5/8
Spring Mines Split Shares	£0 7/8
Union Corporation	128-9

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian	35-7 1/2
Anglo-India	44-4 1/2
Burma Oil	£1 23/32
Mexican Eagle	9/10 1/2
Shell Transport	£2 15/32
Royal Dutch	£19

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary	£45
London Midland Ordinary	£19 7/8
London North Eastern Defd	£2-0
London Southern Defd	£16 3/4
London Transport 5 per cent	£123
London Transport 'C'	£45

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, August 13

LONDON :—
Banks buying 90 Days/St 1/6 9/32 Two Months.
Banks buying 90 Days/St 1/6 5/16 Three Months.
Banks Buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Four Months.
B C Rates T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 5/32
LONDON/NEW YORK :—
Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4 D D Rs 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs 329 1/2 D D Rs 326 1/2
LONDON/MONTREAL :
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 294 3/4
LONDON/BERNE :—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4 D D Fcs nil
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2 D D Fcs nil
LONDON/STOCKHOLM
Banks selling T T K 123 D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128 D D K 128
MEXICO/LONDON :—
Banks selling T T Rs 67.27 D D Rs 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs 63.04 D D Rs 62.04
LISBON/LONDON :—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom D D Esc 7.35 nom
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55 D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA/LONDON :—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8 D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T nil D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange :—Steady
Gold £8-8-0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready 23 1/2 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money :—Call and 1 to 3 months not quoting
4 to 6 months 1/4 per cent
7 to 12 months 1/2 per cent
Tone :—Very Easy.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Bombay, August 13

On Wednesday, the New York cotton market was quietly steady. Prices declined in light dealings, scattered hedging liquidation and New Orleans selling induced by the favourable tenor of crop news and continued nervousness over the Russian situation. There was small scale down trade support. The market closed at a decline of 6 to 2 points. Spot cotton prices declined 10 points at 19.22c. per lb.

PRIVATE CABLES—

August 10: New York October	
highest	17.79—05
lowest	17.64—20
August 11: New York October	
highest	17.95+21
lowest	17.68—06
August 12: New York October	
highest	17.89—06
lowest	17.80—15

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends :—
New York : Narrow market. Weather favourable. Closed steady.

U. S. COTTON LOANS
The cotton loan rate of 15.02 cents on 7/8 inch Middling gross weight equals 15.92 on 15/16 inch Middling net weight compared with last year 14.02 and 14.82 respectively.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, August 12

October	17.89—05
December	18.06—05
March	18.23—04
Middling Spot	19.22—10

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, August 12

October	18.06—05
December	18.24—05
March	18.42—03
Middling Spot	18.26—07

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL
New York, August 12

October	17.86
December	18.01
March	18.18

LONDON SILVER
London, August 12

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD
London, August 12

Gold Bars Fine per ounce £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES
London, August 12

T T London on :—

New York sellers	4.02 1/2 buyers 4.03 1/2
Madrid official	40.5
Montreal sellers	4.43 buyers 4.47
Zurich sellers	17.3 buyers 17.4
Stockholm sellers	16.85 buyers 16.95

LONDON PRODUCTS
London, August 12

Rozario Santa Fe Aug/Sept quoted 26
Barletta Russo Aug/Sept quoted 26/1 1/2
South Australian wheat Aug/Sept quoted 28

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 7th August, 1942.

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.
CAPITAL :—		
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Issued and Subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, fully paid	3,75,00,000	
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, Rs. 125 paid	1,87,50,000	5,62,50,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares	5,62,50,000	
Reserve Fund		5,70,00,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts		141,01,59,000
Sundries		66,07,000
Rupees		153,00,16,000

ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
INVESTMENTS :—		
Government securities	90,04,06,000	
Other Authorised Investments	1,17,10,000	91,21,15,000
ADVANCES :—		
Loans	8,43,66,000	
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	15,64,06,000	
Bills Discounted and Purchased	3,07,21,000	27,14,93,000
Dead Stock		1,75,66,000
Sundries		54,26,000
CASH :—		
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	30,85,99,000	
Balances with other Banks	1,48,17,000	32,34,16,000
Rupees		153,00,16,000

Jap Military Concentration In Tonkin Bay

CHUNGKING, August 13.

A military spokesman disclosed to-day over 20,000 Japanese troops were aboard vessels concentrated in Tonkin Bay.

Regarding Linchwan, the spokesman declared that the Chinese were within two kilometres of the city. He estimated that the Japanese garrison in Linchwan numbered over 20,000.

R. A. F. BOMBERS OVER GERMANY

Attack On Airfields In Low Countries

BERLIN, August 13.

A German "communique" states that the R. A. F. bombed Mainz. Widespread destruction and extensive fires were caused.

LONDON: An Air Ministry Communique to-day states "Mainz was again attacked by strong force of our bombers last night. Air fields in the Low Countries were also bombed. Five of our aircraft are missing.

BOMBS OVER GREATER LONDON

LONDON, August 13.

The Air Ministry Communique to-day states "late last night, a single enemy aircraft dropped bombs in south-east Soctland causing little damage. Early this morning, a few enemy aircraft dropped bombs which caused slight damage in East Anglia and in the Greater London area. In the Greater London area, there was a small number of casualties some of which were fatal. It is now known that one enemy aircraft was destroyed in an attack on this country early on Monday night."

Nazi Retreat Under Soviet Pressure

Hills And Ravines Strewn With German And Rumanian Dead

DAY AND NIGHT BATTLES RAGING IN THE DON ELBOW

MOSCOW, August 13.

Reuter's special correspondent writes:—

Timoshenko's tanks have inflicted a straight defeat on the Germans striking in the region of Kotelnikovo.

"Germans' losses in men literally cannot be counted" said the "Red Star" to-day.

Hills and ravines are strewn with German and Rumanian dead. With a close curtain of fire massed Soviet artillery broke up German tank columns moving into the attack. Soviet tanks then tore into the battle supported by great numbers of Stormovik dive-bombers. The retreating Germans tried to hold out at an important railway station but were thrown out of it leaving 800 dead behind and losing 21 tanks. The Germans yesterday brought up more tanks and men and the vital battle now in its fifth day was resumed.

BATTLE FOR DON ELBOW

Day and night battles are going on with unabated ferocity in the Don Elbow. The Russians are fighting numerically superior forces but have nevertheless been able to stage counter-attacks in some sectors and improve their positions. The Russians are offering heavy resistance to a three pronged German thrust into southern Kuban and eastwards along the railway to the Caspian Sea. In the southern Caucasus Soviet forces have again retreated east of Cherkessk. West of Cherkessk the Russians are holding out in a group of tactically important hills in the Maikop oil area.

NAZI RETREAT

The latest reports say the Germans are retreatng under Soviet pressure on the front north of Voronezh to which the Red army has now extended its offensive. Crossing the Don north of the town one Soviet force is attacking German troops fortified in two large villages, while another force coming from the north and supported by tanks has taken a series of German strong points and is pushing on towards a tactically important village. South of Voronezh, the Germans are counter-attacking 10 to 15 times daily to regain lost positions and prevent encirclement by the Soviet column moving against them from the south-west.

ON LENINGRAD FRONT

The Russians are persisting in offensive activity on the Leningrad front after the recent recapture of a most important railway and highway junction very strongly fortified by the Germans. All arms are used to smash well built enemy fortifications to effect use being made of the whole system of the Kronstadt fortress long range artillery. In view of the threat of blockading the crumbling up the Germans are rushing up reserves in force of tanks and infantry from other sectors, but one division is already badly mauled and many prisoners taken. The watchword of the advancing Red Troops is "each blow on the Neva river affects the situation on the Don river." The Red Army has extended its offensive on the Voronezh front to the northern flank.—Reuter.

15 Enemy Counter-Attacks Repulsed

MOSCOW, Aug. 13.

The Soviet Communique supplement said that in the Kletskaya region, the Germans drew up fresh reserves. One Soviet unit repelled six attacks. North-east of Kotelnikovo, our troops improved their positions. One inhabited locality changed hands several times.

In the area of Krasnodar, there were defensive battles against the advancing enemy. Two German river crossings were destroyed with great loss to the enemy. In the Cherkessk and Maikop areas, there was tense fighting with German tanks and motorised infantry. South of Voronezh, the enemy was pressed back and an inhabited locality "K" was cleared of Axis troops. In the Voronezh area, mortar attacks were repelled.

On the north-western front, one inhabited locality was captured. In one day 15 enemy counter-attacks were repelled.

Nazi Evacuation From Voronezh Area

LONDON, Aug. 13.

The Germans have evacuated fresh positions in the Voronezh area, the Moscow radio said on Thursday.

The Russians captured considerable material took prisoners and gained ground, it was added.

The Stalingrad front is holding well. Soviet troops are hitting back hard in the Don Bend and on the Kuban plains Russian resistance is stubborn and determined. This is to-night's picture of the campaign in the Caucasus, says Reuter's Special Correspondent.

Von Bock, it seems, may now try to drive over the mountain ridge to the Black Pass.

SEVERE FIGHT

Severe fighting is still going on in the Kuban plains round the Krasnodar district.

True one Soviet unit in the district of Kletsk was obliged to withdraw somewhat but there is no indication of any major withdrawal. INDEED IN SOME SECTORS COUNTER-ATTACKING SOVIET TROOPS IMPROVED THEIR POSITIONS.

The Germans are making ten to twelve attacks a day in the region of Kletskaya, accord ng to the Moscow radio. They lost 50 planes in a few days. One Soviet unit alone has w ped out 1,100 Germans in a two-day battle.

North of Kotelnikovo fierce fighting is proceeding. Here the Germans lost 35 tanks in one day.—Reuter.

Battle For Stalingrad

LONDON, August 13.

In the vital battle raging before Stalingrad the Russians seem more than holding their own, state authoritative quarters in London, but the threat to Novorossisk, Russia's naval base in Black Sea appears to be more acute. Before Stalingrad, fighting is particularly fierce around Kletskaya and further south about Kotelnikovo where for some time, the Germans have been attempting to approach Stalingrad along the railway. For some days, they have made no progress and there is every sign that Russian resistance is stiffening considerably in the face of violent attacks.

In the Caucasus, too, the Russians are putting up great resistance and at only one place have they fallen back to new positions at Cherkessk.—Reuter.

JAP CONCENTRATION IN MANCHUKUO

Offensive Against Vladivostok Imminent

KUNMING, Aug. 12.

The aim of the Japanese offensive against China is to make it impossible for China to launch any immediate large scale counter-offensive when the Japanese invade Siberia.

This view is expressed by a well-informed Chinese official just arrived here from Chungking. He says that Japan's objective seems to be to remove all possible offensive bases which could be used by America and Britain against her. Frustrated in the battles of Coral Sea and Midway, the Japanese, it is considered, are unlikely to attempt an attack on Australia or Hawaii. The Chinese are convinced that a Japanese offensive against Vladivostok is imminent. The ever increasing concentrations of troops in Manchukuo and operations in the Aleutian Islands fit into this strategic plan. The Japanese in the Aleutians are believed to be aiming at cutting the supply route from the United States to Russia and it is thought likely that they will strike at Siberia as soon as the German drive into the Caucasus seems to have achieved decisive momentum.

RAID ON JAP AERODROME

CHUNGKING.—American bombers raided the Japanese aerodrome at Nangchang in the Kiangsi province yesterday, said a 'communique' from the United States headquarters to-day.

"Five direct hits were scored on the airfield and one on the hangar and another bomb exploded between two hangars," said the American communique. "Japanese planes are known to have been in hangars" the 'communique' adds.—Reuter.

U. S. A. CABLES NEW PROPOSALS TO RUSSIA

MOSCOW, August 13.

Soviet military experts were kept busy on Wednesday examining new information on United States aid to Russia cabled from Washington.

General Bradley, special United States Supply Envoy and his staff were somewhat less busy for the first time since their arrival though the Soviet-American supply talks continued.

Rumours that Gen. de Gaulle is coming to Moscow from Cairo are denied here to-day by the fighting French Minister M. Garreau who has stated that no such visit is planned.—Reuter.

4 JAP VESSELS DESTROYED

Daylight Attack On Rabaul Harbour

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC, Aug. 13.

A "communique" to-day states:

RABAUL: Our heavy bombers executed a successful daylight attack on enemy shipping in the harbour. A large 15,000 ton vessel was hit with heavy bombs and left in flames.

A second large ship was seen sinking by the stern. Two medium sized vessels were left in flames and listing.

Eight enemy fighters were intercepted. One was shot down. From three to six were hit and damaged. All ours returned.

BANDA SEA: Allied medium-sized bombers attacked shipping and installations at enemy island bases with unknown results.

TIMOR: Enemy shipping off the south-coast was attacked by our bombers with unknown results. It is also officially announced that Melbourne had an air alert late on Wednesday night but no raiders were sighted.—Reuter.

SURPRISE ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS

WASHINGTON, August 12.

The Navy Communique of Tuesday night states, "NORTH PACIFIC AREA: Information received by the Navy Department now makes it possible to report the following incidents in the Aleutian Islands. On July 22, army bombers dropped bombs through fog in the area of Kiska harbour but results were not observed. On July 29, naval patrol planes conduced a night attack on Kiska and army bombers attacked installations and ships in the same vicinity. On August 3 Japanese aircraft attacked the United States destroyer "Kane" off Atka Island about 305 miles east of Kiska. No damage was inflicted. Army bombers reattacked Kiska harbour area with unobserved results.

On August 4, army pursuit planes shot down two Kawanish 97 seaplane bombers. On August 8, the task force of the Pacific fleet protected by naval patrol planes heavily bombarded a group of enemy ships, camp facilities and shore installations at Kiska.

The attack was a complete surprise. The enemy mistaking the first salvos shells for bombs opened fire with anti-aircraft batteries on imagined planes.

On August 9, naval patrol planes followed up the bombardment by an attack on two cargo-ships in Kiska Harbour.—Reuter.

PARIS UNDER NAZI MILITARY CONTROL

LONDON, Aug. 13.

'Plan" implying that the military authorities have assumed almost absolute powers is being enforced in Paris by the Germans, the Moscow radio said to-day

All roads leading out of the City are being watched by military sentries, and the entire Police Force of Paris is in a state of readiness, it added.—Reuter.

SABOTAGE ON FR. RAILWAYS

Many Germans Killed And Injured In Train Collision

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 13.

A wave of sabotage is occurring on French railways and factories in the occupied zone, according to reports reaching here. They state that many German soldiers were killed and injured in a collision between a troop train and a fuel train on the Douai Arras Line. 63 trucks and tankcars were wrecked.

A hundred Germans were killed and many injured in another collision at Lille. At Denain, 12 motors for Germany were destroyed. A railway embankment was blown up in a north-east suburb of Paris. A lamp factory was burned at Ivry. A paint factory and a motorcar firm were burnt at Gennevilliers. A German ammunition train was blown up in Seine Inferieure District. 700 persons were arrested at Hazebrouck as hostages on the pretext that parachutists were seen there.—Reuter.

Latest St. Leger Callover

LONDON, August 13.

The following is the latest St. Leger Callover:— 100/30 Hyper Des offered, 7/2 taken. 100/30 Sun Chariot 7/2 Watling Street 10/1 Big Game all offered.

15/1 Shahpoor taken and offered. 100/6 Ujiji taken and offered. 25/1 Afterthought offered. 33/1 Tribonian taken and offered. 40/1 Chequebook, Solway offered. 66/1 Sunking all offered. 100/1 Kolo taken and offered. 100/1 Sonibal, Probation, Seasick offered. 200/1 Furioso all offered.—Reuter.

Telegraphs And Posts Yield Huge Surplus

NEW DELHI, Aug. 13.

The Public Accounts Committee at its meeting to-day examined the Appropriation Accounts of the Posts and Telegraphs Department for the year 1940-41

The accounts for the year showed a Revenue of Rs. 13 28 crores against an expenditure of Rs. 12.03 crores resulting in a net surplus of Rs. one crore 25 lakhs.

A noteworthy feature of the year was that for the first time in history every branch of the department, Posts Telegraphs Telephones and Radio showed a profit, the telegraph and radio branches hitherto having run usually at a loss. The surplus for the next year is expected to be even greater amounting to no less than Rs. 3.40 crores.

An interesting fact revealed about the Department was that the percentage of loss to the Department due to thefts, fraud etc to the total turnover was the microscopic figure of .0009 The corresponding figure for the United Kingdom was .004.

The Government Telephones Board has acquired all the shares of the Bengal Telephone Corporation, 987 of the shares of the Bombay Telephone Company and over 70 per cent of the shares of Madras company. It is hoped that these concerns will be merged in the Posts and Telegraph department by 1943.—A. P.

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The Half-Column By "Dim"

Zoroastrian writes to me after a long time. He refers to my query: "Why doesn't the American President speak and reassure the people of India about the attitude of his country towards the issue of India's independence?"

The answer to the above, says Zoroastrian, is to be found in Lincoln's speech, from which the following is an extract:

"On the question of liberty, as a principle, we are not what we have been. When we were the political slaves of King George and wanted to be free, we called the maxim that 'all men are created equal,' a self-evident truth; but now when we have grown fat and have lost dread of being slaves ourselves, we have become so greedy to be masters that we call the same maxim 'a self-evident lie.' The fourth of July has not dwindled away; it is still a great day for burning fire-crackers!"

(This is from "The Speeches of Lincoln—Everyman's Library).

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Gestapo Agent from Bombay North reports that "sweeping" changes have occurred in that area. Sweeping?....yes, that must be the right word.

In Middle East

R. A. F. ATTACK ON ITALIAN CRUISERS

CAIRO, Aug. 13.

Damage to three Italian cruisers is claimed by the crews of a big force of United States army, airforce and heavy bombers which raided Navarino harbour in Greece at dusk on Monday.

The attack was carried out on four cruisers which were sighted moored close together.

First reports indicate that two direct hits were obtained on the first cruiser followed by a large explosion. A probable or near miss was scored on the second cruiser from which black smoke was afterwards seen pouring. A near miss on the third cruiser caused a violent explosion. Further details are expected later to-day.

ARTILLERY EXCHANGES

To-day's Middle-East war communique' states: "During the night of 11-12 August, our patrolling activity continued. Some prisoners were taken in the southern sector. Land operations yesterday were confined to artillery exchanges.

Air activity in the battle area was on a reduced scale".—Reuter.

"PRATAP" SECURITY FORFEITED

LAHORE, Aug. 12.

The Security of Rs. 2,000 deposited by the "Pratap," an Urdu daily of Lahore, has been forfeited by the Punjab Government for the publication of two alleged objectionable news items in the issues of the paper dated July 9 and 31. One of the items related to an alleged proposal by Sir Firoze Khan Noon in the Executive Council meeting for the arrest of Congress leaders before the commencement of the movement.

The security of Rs. 500 deposited by the Press in which the paper is published has also been forfeited under the Press Emergency Powers Act.—A.P.

SIZE OF HEADLINES TO BE RESTRICTED

LUCKNOW, August 12.

It is reliably understood that the U.P. Government are issuing immediate orders restricting the size of headlines of newspapers.—A. P.

DEADLOCK IN CIVIC AFFAIRS

Mayor's Arrest Gives Rise To Intriguing Situation

An intriguing situation has arisen in the Municipal Corporation owing to the arrest of Mr. Y. J. Meherally, the Mayor.

Section 36-A of the Municipal Act states: "There shall be one Ordinary Meeting in each month."

Section 36-C of Municipal Act states: The date and place of the Municipal Corporation meetings shall be fixed by the Mayor, or in the event of the office of the Mayor being vacant, or on the death or the resignation of the Mayor, or his ceasing to be a Councillors or on his being incapable of acting, on the Chairman of the Standing Committee.

It is necessary to consider also 36 (b) in this connection:—

36 (b) The first meeting in the month of April, after general elections shall be held as early as conveniently may be in the said month on a day and at a time and place to be fixed by the Commissioner and if not held on that day shall be held on some subsequent day to be fixed by the Commissioner;

It will be seen from the above that there are 5 cases when the Chairman of the Standing Committee is called upon to fix a date of the Meeting of the Corporation:

(a) When the Office of the Mayor is vacant;
(b) In case of death of the Mayor;
(c) In case of resignation of the Mayor;
(d) When the Mayor ceases to be a Councillor;
(e) In case of his being incapable of acting.

The first four cases are out of the question and it is the considered opinion of the lawyers that incapability of Mayor arises only in case of physical incapability such as resulting from paralysis or mental incapability such as lunacy or madness.

Non-availability of the Mayor is not a ground conceived by the Section and in the circumstances, the Chairman of the Standing Committee cannot be called upon to fix the meeting of the Corporation. The detention of the Mayor in jail is not a point conceived by the Sec. at all and by proper means and through proper channels, Mayor, if approached, is in a position to exercise his right to call a meeting of the Corporation.

In the circumstances, the point raised in municipal circles that the Chairman of the Standing Committee should call a meeting of the Corporation does not arise and it may be stated that this legal aspect of the whole question has been fully considered by responsible lawyers and they are unanimously of the opinion that the Chairman of the Standing Committee cannot be called upon to call a meeting of the Corporation.

Mr. Motichand G. Kapadia, Chairman of the Standing Committee, who is an experienced lawyer, being a Solicitor and Notary Public, thinks that no case has been made out for him to call a meeting of the Municipal Corporation as he holds that Mr. Meherally, the Mayor, is capable of acting as Mayor and fixing the date and place of the meeting as provided under Section 36-C.

Mr. Motichand Kapadia opines that Mr. Meherally's incapacity is enforced otherwise he would attend the Municipal Corporation and act as Mayor.

So at present there is a deadlock till Government takes up the matter and solves the problem. In the meantime as far as the administrative side of municipal affairs is concerned, the Municipal Commissioner, has the entire executive power under section 64 (3) and in every case of emergency that may cause danger to human life, he is empowered to act promptly and take such measures as he may think fit. The Municipal Corporation being only a body to decide and lay down the policy of the civic side, the deadlock in no way interferes with the normal life or administration of the city, except for urgent matters which require sanction and approval of the Municipal Corporation such as contracts, etc.

However, section 36-A which requires that Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal Corporation will meet once a month just as the meeting of the Standing Committee should meet once a week, is liable to be violated.

In this connection, it will be interesting to note some of the precedents. In 1933 when Mr. V. N. Chandavarkar, Mayor was ill, a question arose as to who should call meetings of the Municipal Corporation viz: Chairman of the Standing Committee or the Chairman of the Municipal Corporation who presides in absence of the Mayor. The Municipal Commissioner invited legal opinion which was quite definite that the responsibility rested on the Chairman of the Standing Committee. In 1925, the late Mr. V. J. Patel resigned the Presidentship of the Municipal Corporation and the meetings were called by the Chairman of the Standing Committee.

MEMBERS TO RESIGN

Seven members of the Municipal National ist Congress Party are contemplating to resign from the Party owing to the Congress having been declared an illegal body by the Government. They are: (1) Mrs. Malinibai Sukhtankar, (2) Raja Bahadur Govindlal Shivlal, (3) Mr. Gordhandas G Morarji, (4) Mr. Mohanlal M. Desai, (5) Mr. Chimanlal Manchubhai Shah, (6) Mr. R. A. Gole, and (7) Mr. V. D Govindji. Prof. D. R. Gharpure, is the leader, to whom, they would present the resignations, if they decide to do so.

FOREIGN PICTURES IN TOWN

"Go West, Young Lady" At Excelsior

Columbia's "Go West, Young Lady", opens at Excelsior this Friday.

Penny Singleton and Ann Miller engage in a tooth-and-claw battle. Miss Singleton, temporarily quitting the "Blondie" series to prove her versatility, appears as a tenderfoot tomboy on the rough-and-tumble frontier. Miss Miller is cast as a dance hall entertainer, who knows her way around the range, and the range riders. With popular Glenn Ford as the third of the featured triumvirate, it's small wonder that the two girls bring down the house in their efforts to keep the other away from him!

Programme At Regal

There will be a change of programme at Regal during this week. On Friday and Saturday, the picture will be "Hold That Ghost" starring Bud Abbott and Lou Costello On Sunday the feature will be "It Started with Eve" with Deanna Durbin. The same picture will also be shown at the Morning Show at 10-30 a.m. For Monday and Tuesday, "Buck Privates" has been billed. The stars are again Abbott and Costello.

"THEY MET IN BOMBAY" AT PALACE

"They Met In Bombay," is at Palace this week. Gable, with Rosalind Russell as his able co-star, is obviously in his element in this stirring romantic saga of adventure in the Far East.

SUNDAY SHOW AT PALACE

The programme for this Sunday morning at Palace is "Pygmalion" starring Leslie Howard.

SUNDAY SHOW AT METRO

Claudette Colbert and Charles Boyer in "Tovarich", a Warner Bros. picture.

NEW DISNEY FULL LENGTH CARTOON AT NEW EMPIRE

A host of funny and fascinating new characters is introduced in Walt Disney's newest feature-length production, "Dumbo", which opens at New Empire theatre to-day (Friday). Leading the parade is the hero who gives his name to the title, Dumbo, the sail-eared little baby elephant.

Then there is a new comedy team which will convulse the audiences, the Five Black Crows, birds who speak with the rich and spontaneous humour of the Negroes, and whose "dawn dance" is one of the most comical things Disney has ever created. Timothy Mouse, Dumbo's side-kick and benefactor, is another ingratiating individual, as is Casey Junior, the brisk and alert little engine which pulls the circus train. And if you don't think a railroad engine can take personality, you don't know your Disney.

"Dumbo" is the story of a baby elephant who was born with enormous flapping ears. His appearance makes him a figure of fun and the butt of all the circus pranksters. His experiences and adventures are remarkable as he strives for fame in order to establish himself as a personage in his world of the Circus. Of course he eventually succeeds, in a way that makes him world famous and the most renowned little baby elephant of all time.

All this is told with the delightful Disney humour. There are nine new songs. Perhaps the most outstanding of these is "Pink Elephants", a completely hilarious number sung by Dumbo and Timothy Mouse when they innocently drink too much champagne. The song title indicates the kind of dreams they have, but the joyousness of this episode is something impossible to describe.

"Dumbo", released by R. K. O. Radio, is without doubt the gayest and funniest of all Walt Disney's feature-length productions. It also reveals the steady technical progress achieved by the Disney studios in creating these unusual entertainments.

Ann Sothern In 'Cash And Carry' At Metro

When Maisie starts going the rounds with a prizefighter and his hardboiled manager, the entertainment banners fly high. This is exactly what happens at Metro in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Cash and Carry", starring Ann Sothern, from to-day, Friday.

A strong cast appears in support of the star in this film, which tells the story of Maisie's experiences when she enters the household of a young fighter and his manager as companions for the fighter's invalid mother. How she launches the boxer on the type of career he really desires and how she knocks the chip off his manager's shoulder and finds romance in the process, makes for an entertaining motion picture.

"Two-Faced Woman" At Capitol

Greta Garbo in "Two-Faced Woman" is the picture at Capitol this week. Playing a duel characterisation, the witty, sophisticated tale offers Garbo a role unlike anything else she has ever attempted. She jitterbugs and sings, abandons her famous long bob for an ultra-modern hairdress, makes her first appearance in a bathing suit, and carries on a brilliant verbal duel with her rival in love, played by Constance Bennett Melvyn Douglas plays the male lead.

SUNDAY SHOW AT CAPITOL

"Bonnie Scotland" with Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy will be shown at Capitol on Sunday at 10-30 a.m.

U. S. FORCES WON'T INTERVENE IN INDIAN RIOTS

Will Take Defensive Measures Only For Personal Safety

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.

The State Department said tonight that the American armed forces in India are there solely to prosecute the war against the Axis and have been warned to avoid taking any part in internal troubles.

The presence of American forces in India is primarily to aid China, the department said.

In the event of disturbances where they are stationed they are authorised to resort to defensive measures only, should their own personal safety or that of other American citizens be endangered.

The Department added that the policy of the United States Government in this emergency had already been made part of the orders issued to the American forces which had been in India for some time.

"The American forces are not to indulge in the slightest degree in activities of any other nature unless India should be attacked by the Axis Powers in which event the American troops would aid in defending India", it added.—Reuter

The Reserve Bank's net profit for the year was Rs. 342 lakhs, the income and expenditure being Rs. 456 lakhs and Rs. 114 lakhs respectively.

LABOUR VICTORY IN BYE-ELECTION

LONDON, Aug. 13.

Bye-election in South Poplar, London, caused by the death of Labour member, D. M. Adams, resulted as follows:—

Mr. W. H. Guy (Labour) 3,375;
Rev. Patrick Figgis (Christian Socialist) 541.

It is noteworthy that under 4,000 of the electorate of 43,000 voted.

PUPPET GOVT. FOR BURMA

The Tokyo radio has made the following announcement on the establishment of new Burma Govt:—

"The new (Burma) Government will work in collaboration with the Japanese military administration and the supreme power will be vested in the Japanese Commander-in-Chief.

The Government will also avoid a policy which may clash with that of the Japanese Military Administration.

The Government budget and other particularly important problems will be tackled by the Japanese Military Administration."

He Will Help Britain "To Finish The War"

ACCRA (Gold Coast), Aug. 13.

Chief Dotse Kodah Agbokan, fifth of Leklebi, in Togoland, which was formerly under German rule, has joined up. In a broadcast to his people he said he wanted to help Britain to finish the war. "My work as the chief of Leklebi is important, but it is the duty of all to take part in the fight," he said.—Reuter.

P. C. Joshi's Appeal To British Communists

LONDON, Aug. 13.

The following cable was received on Wednesday by Mr. Harry Pollit, the General Secretary of the Communist Party of Great Britain from the Secretary of the Communist Party of India, Mr. P. C. Joshi:

"The newly legalised Communist Party of India greets its British comrades. In this grave hour in the life of freedom loving humanity our policy is for Indian national unity, for national resistance to Fascism and for a National Government for India.

Our fellow patriots have been provoked to their present suicidal course by Imperialist rulers. The task of the British people is to press the British Government to negotiate with the Congress on the basis of the recognition of Indian independence and a provisional national Government now.

We will strive to persuade the National Congress and Muslim League to unite in order to reach a settlement with Britain for the struggle against the Fascist invaders.

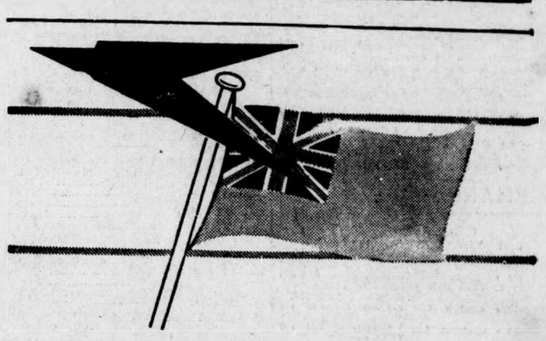
We welcome your campaign for reopening negotiations. We must turn the tide to unite our two great peoples in a world anti-Fascist freedom front".—Reuter.

27 Communists Released

VELLORE, August 13.

A batch of 27 Communist detenus were released unconditionally last evening from the Vellore Jail under the orders of the Government.

It is understood that 26 more detenus have not yet been released.—United Press.



A Parallel...

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